In the Claims

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings.

1. (Currently Amended) A commanding system for a computer, comprising:

a memory storing an input module that accepts a plurality of input sequences across multiple input device categories, and a commanding element having a binding table that connects input to associated action, at least one binding entry in the binding table including sub-command bindings associated with the plurality of input sequences across multiple input device categories, and the memory further comprises a second commanding element having a second binding table that connects input to associated action, at least one binding entry in the second binding table including sub-command bindings associated with the plurality of input sequences across multiple input device categories; and

a processor in data communication with the storage facility $\underline{\text{memory}}$, the processor programmed to:

receive the input at the input module;

pass the input to the commanding element, the commanding element looking up a matching sub-command binding associated with the input in the binding table; and

invoke action connected with the input if the matching sub-command binding is found in the binding table;

tunnel the input to the second commanding element, the second commanding element looking up the matching sub-command binding associated with the input in the second binding table; and

invoke action connected with the input if the matching sub-command binding is found in the second binding table.

- (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein at least two of the plurality of input sequences from the multiple input devices are selected from the group consisting of a keyboard, mouse, pen, and microphone.
- (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the listing of the command bindings includes entries for a keyboard, a mouse, a pen, and a microphone.

 (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the processor is further programmed to: traverse the binding table; and report a command associated with each binding entry of the binding table.

- 5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the commanding element is in a control level.
- (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the commanding element is in an application level.

7.-11. (Canceled)

 (Currently Amended) A method for commanding a computer system, comprising: receiving one of a plurality of input sequences generated by different input device categories;

passing the input sequence to a commanding element;

looking up a matching binding entry associated with the input sequence in a binding table, the matching binding entry including a plurality of sub-command bindings for the different input devices; and

invoking a handler associated the input if the matching binding is found in the binding table;

receiving a request to report commanding information;

traversing the binding table; and

reporting each command in each entry of the binding table.

- (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the different input device categories include at least two selected from the group consisting of a keyboard, a mouse, a pen, and a microphone.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the different input device categories include a keyboard, a mouse, a pen, and a microphone.

15. (Canceled)

 (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising: passing the input sequence to a second commanding element;

looking up the matching binding entry associated with the input sequence in a second binding table associated with the second commanding element, the matching binding entry including a plurality of sub-command bindings for the different input devices; and

invoking a handler associated the input if the matching binding is found in the second binding table.

17. (Canceled)